

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 14, 17, and 18 are pending. Applicants have added new claims 19-24.

Claims 1-10, 14, 17, and 18-24 will therefore be pending upon entry of the proposed amendments.

[1] On August 29, 2008, Applicants' representative, John T. Kendall, conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Russel and wish to thank the Examiner for his courtesy and positive comments. New claims 19-24 reflect the amendments agreed to by Examiner Russel and Applicants' representative during the aforementioned interview.

[2] New claims 19 and 22, which depend from allowed claims 14 and 17, respectively, include the subject matter of allowed claim 2.

New claims 20 and 23, which depend from allowed claims 14 and 17, respectively, include the subject matter of allowed claim 7.

New claims 21 and 24, which depend from allowed claims 14 and 17, respectively, include the subject matter of allowed claim 8.

No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

[3] New claims 19-24 are all written in dependent form and include the subject matter of allowed dependent claims, namely claims 2, 7, and 8 (*supra*). The foregoing amendments would not introduce any new matter, would not enlarge the scope of the claims as allowed, and would not require any additional searching or review by the office. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of new claims 19-24.

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Applicants also submit herewith the payment of the Issue Fee in response to the Notice of Allowance, mailed August 15, 2008. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 14700-008US1/ F/USP288234.

Respectfully submitted,

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